

RANDOM BONUS PRIZE SHOWN ON THE SYSTEM DISPLAY

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A default bonus award and a set of non-default bonus awards are determined for a type of gaming machine. A criterion for qualifying for a bonus award is also determined. Then, if a bonus session is active and a player meets the criterion, a bonus award is randomly selected for the player. In one embodiment, the random bonus award is selected immediately after the player is identified at the gaming machine, before he has begun play.